

28th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take the first opportunity to give you advance notice of some leadership changes from September 2020.

As you are aware, I left my previous Early Years role within the Trust to come to All Saints Marsh to support the school after Mrs Rowe-Jones was suddenly taken ill and Miss Garside was seconded to our South Hams schools as interim Executive Head. I was really pleased to step in as Interim Head at All Saints Marsh, as I had worked with and supported All Saints Marsh for a number of years previously. Unfortunately, during the Summer Term Mrs Rowe Jones retired due to ill health, but I was able to continue as Head of Academy for this academic year to enable consistency and stability for the school. I have considered it a huge privilege to work with the strong team of teachers and staff at All Saints Marsh as well as a pleasure to work with our wonderful children and families.

As an Early Years Specialist Leader in Education I have been presented with a unique opportunity to lead the setting up of our brand new LAP school. This exciting project will be uniquely early years provision in the first instance and will grow with an additional year group, year on year. I am delighted that after a robust recruitment and interview process that included the Department for Education and the Diocese, I have been appointed as the founding Head of Academy at St Michael's C of E Academy, Paignton from September 2020.

I will be leaving All Saints Marsh at the end of this academic year to take up this new role and I know that I will miss it very much as I have been so happy here. All Saints Marsh and everyone here will always have a special place in my heart. I am grateful that I will continue to be involved in the life of the school, particularly the Early Years provision through my role as the Trust Lead for Early Years. I am confident that All Saints Marsh will continue to go from strength to strength with the support of the Trust and that there will be a smooth transition for children, staff and families.

Looking ahead to September I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Southard, an experienced leader currently working in one of our Trust schools, Warberry C of E Academy in Torquay, has already been appointed to be the substantive permanent Head of All Saints Marsh Academy. Mrs Southard will be taking up this role in September and she is incredibly excited to have this opportunity to lead the wonderful team and children at ASM and to meeting you.

Mrs Southard and I previously worked together at Warberry Academy and we will be working very closely together again over the Spring and Summer Terms, as we ensure a



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smooth transition ready for September. By ensuring we have made these appointments so early in the year we are able to plan ahead for consistency and there will be many opportunities for you and the children to get to know Mrs Southard during this time.

Should you have any queries, please do get in touch. Just catch me in the playground or pop into the school office to make an appointment to see me, I am more than happy to answer any queries that you may have.

I would like to thank you once again for all your support and look forward to a productive and positive Spring and Summer terms together.

Mrs Edwards

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Head of Academy